

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-31 are in this case. Claims 10-23 were withdrawn by the Examiner from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 28 and 31 have been rejected under § 102(b). Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31 have been rejected under § 103(a). Claims 25, 26 and 29 have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31 have been cancelled.

§ 102(b) Rejections – Lévesque ‘619

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 28 and 31 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lévesque, US Patent No. 4,368,619 (henceforth, “Lévesque ‘619”). The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 28 and 31 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner’s rejection of these claims.

§ 103(a) Rejections – Karlby et al. ‘551 in view of Chiang et al. ‘079

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 27 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karlby et al., US Patent No. 2,784,551 (henceforth, “Karlby et al. ‘551”) in view of Chiang et al., US Patent No. 5,782,079 (henceforth, “Chiang et al. ‘079”). The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 27 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner’s rejection of these claims.

§ 103(a) Rejections – Lévesque ‘619 in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. ‘079

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 28 and 31 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lévesque ‘619 in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. ‘079. The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 28 and 31 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner’s rejection of these claims.

§ 103(a) Rejections –Mortimer ‘496 in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. and optionally in view of ‘079 Lévesque ‘619

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Mortimer, US Patent No. 2,793,496 (henceforth, “Mortimer ‘496”) in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. ‘079 and optionally in view of Lévesque ‘619. The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner’s rejection of these claims.

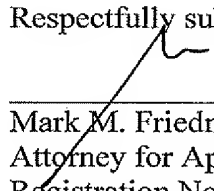
§ 103(a) Rejections –Mortimer ‘496 in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. and optionally in view of ‘079 Lévesque ‘619 and further in view of Danis et al. ‘070

The Examiner has rejected claim 6 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over in view of Mortimer ‘496 in view of Karlby et al. ‘551 and Chiang et al. ‘079 and optionally in view of Lévesque ‘619 and further in view of Danis et al., US Patent No. 6,474,070. The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 has been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner's rejection of this claim.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 25, and hence dependent claims 26 and 29 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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